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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office US Patent and Trademark Office Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please insert at page 1, line 15, the following paragraph:

-- RELATED PATENT APPLICATIONS

This application is a Divisional Application of US Application 09/472,035

filed December 27, 1999. --

In the Claims:

Cancel Claims 1 – 15.

REMARKS

Applicant is filing this application as a Divisional Application of Application Serial No. 09/472,035 filed December 27, 1999, which is still pending.

Claims 1 - 15 have been cancelled.

Claims 16-51 of the parent application remain in this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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